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SUBJECT: PFIZER FRANCE SALE TO VIETNAM

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1. QUAI EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE GRALL HOSPITAL IS COMPLETELY OWNED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, HAS A FRENCH DIRECTOR, AND IS PAID FOR BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, IT HAS AN AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATION. IT IS THEREFORE ABLE TO ORDER MEDICINES WITHOUT HAVING SUCH ORDERS PASS THROUGH THE QUAI ITSELF. IN SUCH ACTIONS, HOWEVER, THE GRALL HOSPITAL IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (THE OPPOSITE OF THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO PFIZER). THE QUAI SAID THAT THESE MEDICINES ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE HOSPITAL, AND IT WOULD BE DISTRESSED AT ANY ACTION WHICH INTERFERED WITH THE OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL.

2. FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE THE HOSPITAL WILL BE A TOTALLY FRENCH GOVERNMENT OPERATION. THE GOF CONSIDERS THE HOSPITAL IMPORTANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OVERALL FRANCO/VIETNAMESE RELATIONS, TO WHICH GREAT IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED AT HIGH LEVELS IN THE GOF. WE WOULD EXPECT AN ENERGETIC PROTEST FROM THE GOF AND ADVERSE PRESS COMMENT IF WE WERE TO PREVENT THE SALE

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OF MEDICINES TO THE HOSPITAL.

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